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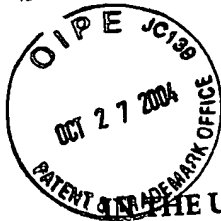
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On September 26, 2003, Applicant submitted an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) and an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter with a check for excess claim fees in the amount of \$174.00 (5 dependent claims @ \$18 = \$90.00 plus 1 independent claim @ \$84 = total fees of \$174.00). Therefore, the \$84.00 charge (under Fee Code 1201 - independent claims in excess of three) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880 on October 6, 2003, was improper and should be refunded at the earliest possible date. For the convenience of the Office, copies of the Deposit Account Statement dated October 31, 2003, cancelled check and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter are enclosed, accompanied by a date-stamped Filing Receipt acknowledging the same.

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